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METHOD FOR ACQUIRING A
RADIATION IMAGE OF A LONG
BODY PART USING DIRECT
DIGITAL X-RAY DETECTORS

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AMENDMENT

In Response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 2, line 20 with the following
rewritten paragraph:

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According to a feature of the present invention, there is provided a
method for acquiring an elongated radiographic image comprising: positioning an
elongated object between a source of x-rays and a digital image capture device
having a known imaging dimension which is less than a like dimension of said
elongated object; moving said device in a direction parallel to said known imaging
dimension to sequential contiguous positions to acquire a sequence of
radiographic images of said elongated object; and rotating said source of x-rays
about an axis perpendicular to said direction of moving said device in
coordination with said moving in order to project said x-rays from said source
toward said device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 2 with the
following rewritten paragraph: